

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Bera, et al.**

Case: **8549/ETCH/DRIE/JB1**

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Group Art Unit: **1763**

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TITLE: **APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING GAS FLOW IN A  
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE PROCESSING CHAMBER**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 5, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 5, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or additional excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.